

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

1. -- 20. (Canceled).
21. (New) A portable tracking device comprising:
  - a housing;
  - a security strap attached to the housing;
  - an optical conductor extending along the strap from a first end of the strap to a second end of the strap and back to the first end;
  - an optical source optically coupled to a first end of the optical conductor;
  - an optical detector optically coupled to a second end of the optical conductor;
  - a tamper detector disposed in the housing, coupled to the optical detector and constructed and arranged to identify the absence and/or presence of light detected by the optical detector; and
  - circuitry disposed in the housing and configured and arranged to enable generation of data related to the location of the housing.
22. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 21 wherein the optical source and the optical detector are disposed in the housing.
23. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 22 wherein the first end of the securing strap is attached to the housing.
24. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 23 further comprising at least one fastener for attaching the securing strap to the housing at a point along the securing strap separated from the first end of the securing strap.

25. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 24 wherein the securing strap includes holes therethrough and the fastener passes through at least one of the holes.
26. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 24 wherein the fastener is constructed and arranged to attach the securing strap to the housing without cutting the securing strap.
27. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 25 wherein:  
the housing includes a lock bracket; and  
the fastener includes at least one pin attached to the lock bracket, the at least one pin being constructed and arranged to pass through at least one of the holes in the securing strap.
28. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 27 further comprising a locking pin constructed and arranged to fasten the lock bracket to the housing.
29. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 28 further comprising a housing tamper detector constructed and arranged to detect the absence of the locking pin.
30. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 21 wherein the optical conductor includes an optical cable extending along the securing strap.
31. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 21 wherein the optical conductor includes first and second optical cables extending between the first and the second ends of the securing strap and a light guide disposed at the second end of the securing strap and optically coupled to the first and second optical cables.
32. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 21 further comprising a housing tamper detector constructed and arranged to detect tampering with the housing.
33. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 32 wherein the housing tamper detector includes an optical tamper detector constructed and arranged to detect light within the housing.

34. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 32 wherein the housing tamper detector includes a magnetic field sensor constructed and arranged to be activated if metal components of the housing are dislocated.

35. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 21 wherein the circuitry includes a GPS receiver.

36. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 21 wherein the circuitry includes a cellular transceiver.

37. (New) The portable tracking device of claim 35 further comprising a transmitter disposed in the housing and configured and arranged to transmit signals related to the location of the housing based on the data generated by the GPS receiver.